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EXHIBIT #VI.A.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: William H. Beardsley, Deputy Commissioner*
DATE: July 13, 2016
SUBJECT: Approval of English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Certification Score

BACKGROUND: Educational Testing Service (ETS) developed and manages PRAXIS. The PRAXIS is the Test Maine uses for Teachers and Administrators Certification. Recently a group of nine teachers gathered in Augusta to review the revised English to Speakers of other languages (ESOL) and set a cut score. The group unanimously set 155 as the cut score.

RECOMMENDATION: The Certification and Higher Education Committee recommends 155 as the cut score for the ESOL PRAXIS.

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